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# APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER

#### 1. APPLICANT/AGENT

	APPLICANT	ASSIGNED AGENT (if any)
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2.	OWNERSHIP INFORMA	TION (Please check type of o	wnershi	p.)		
	☐ Sole Owner ☐ Limited Partnership* ☐ Corporation	☐ Limited Liability Company (LI☐ Business Trust☐ Joint Venture	_C)	□ General Partnership* □ Husband/Wife Co-Ownership ☑ Other <i>Irrigation District</i>		
	*Please identify the names,	addresses and phone numbers of	f all partn	ers.		
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to, type of construction activity, area to be graded or excavated, and how the water will be used.) Add
additional pages if needed and check box below and label as an attachment.

The past five years of drought resulted in reduced surface water flows in the Scott River. The predicted above normal precipitation from El Nino conditions presents an extraordinary opportunity to speed recovery from the drought by utilizing wintertime high flows to recharge the Scott River Valley groundwater basin. Winter storage of surface water via recharge will increase groundwater base flow contributions to the Scott River, thereby improving conditions for fishery resources later into the dry season.

The proposed project provides specific benefits to instream flows by obtaining a temporary right to divert water during the winter for groundwater recharge to extend the amount and time of groundwater available to support surface flows during the summer. This project will benefit instream flows for fish and improve the scientific understanding of conjunctive use projects in the Scott Valley, both of which are in the public interest and will meaningfully further the goals of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

No new construction, grading or excavation is needed as only existing facilities and infrastructure of the Scott Valley Irrigation District will be used. The diversion dam structure is in place under an existing vater right, noted below. The proposal is to allow groundwater recharge to occur during winter months (1/1-3/31) by applying water diverted during winter high flows (in excess of 440 cfs at USGS Fort Jones stream gauge) onto agricultural fields. These fields will later be irrigated for alfalfa, pasture and grain during the irrigation season (4/1-10/1) under existing rights identified in the Scott River Decree. The infiltration effects of winter application are being studied in detail by UC Davis on a 15 acre parcel, with preliminary results from the 2015 and 2016 season showing a positive water table response. The intent

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of this application is to expand the area of potential recharge to the entire district area of irrigated lands below the 13.2 mile ditch, an area defined as 3,450 acres on the amended License.

The Scott River watershed is a typical inland snowmelt driven system located in the Klamath mountain range with most of the precipitation coming as rain and snow during the fall, winter and early spring (November through April). Snow captured in the mountains that encompass Scott Valley typically melts from mid-April into early June. The summer months and early fall are very warm and arid with minimal to no precipitation.

Over time, federal, state and private efforts have straightened the Scott River and reaches of tributaries within Scott Valley, a major aquifer for the Scott River Watershed. The intent of the projects was to improve drainage and protect property and infrastructure from flood events. Sloughs and overflow channel were filled or became hydraulically disconnected. The result is a changed hydrograph where improved drainage of stream flow and snowmelt results in water leaving the system quickly, which in turn results in prolonged low flow periods during the warm summer months.

Scott Valley's fertile soils and warm summers are prime for agricultural production of pasture, grass and alfalfa. The warm arid summers require irrigation. Increased drainage and probable channel down-cutting as a result of channel straightening constructed levees made surface water diversion for irrigation more difficult. Efficient Irrigation provided through groundwater pumping expanded and careful consideration of surface water and groundwater use is described in the 1980 Scott River Decree (30662)

http://www.water.ca.gov/watermaster/ND Watermasters/Decrees/Scott/ScottRiverDecree 30662 1980.pdf).

Scott Valley Irrigation District (SVID) is the largest irrigation entity and the only Irrigation District in Scott Valley. Much of the property SVID serves are farming/ranching entities that are riparian to the Scott River, hold independent water rights to the Scott River and are also largely within the Interconnected Ground Water Zone as described in the Scott River Decree. Through utilization of SVID, individual surface water rights and groundwater, the irrigation needs of the ranches served by SVID are typically fully met.

Improved drainage, probable channel down-cutting combined with increased dependency on ground water for irrigation has resulted in larger variation of ground water elevation throughout the year. During the summer and early fall, prolonged periods of low stream flow and even cessation of surface flow in certain reaches of the Scott River result in adverse conditions for fish, including Chinook and Coho Salmon, steelhead and lamprey.

This application does not propose to increase diversion to provide further irrigation. The objective is to use SVID and it users' property and infrastructure to spread and store water diverted during high flows with the intension to build groundwater elevations for later season flow enhancement and improve and expand surface water-ground water connection.

Increased instream surface flow benefits due to accretion from groundwater later in the season are anticipated, as groundwater impacts on summer stream flow and water temperature were a concern of the Scott River Temperature TMDL (adopted in 2005 by the SWB). UCD has developed an Integrated Hydrologic Model and Water Budget for Scott Valley, which has indicated that this scenario of groundwater recharge should provide added surface flows during the low flow season. This permit should provide an excellent opportunity to further evaluate this recharge scenario, interpret response and recommend necessary adjustments.

☐ For continuation, see Attachment No.	

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#### 6. WATER AVAILABILITY

Have you attached a water availability analysis for this project? ☐ YES ☑ NO If NO. provide sufficient information to demonstrate that there is reasonable likelihood that unappropriated water is available for the proposed appropriation; If needed, at tach additional pages, check box below and label attachment.

USFS has a cumulative right of 426 cfs at USGS gage, Scott River below Fort Jones (#11519500), during the proposed period of diversion for this Application (1/1-3/31). To provide a buffer from the USFS right, SVID will not divert under this application unless flows at USGS Gage #11519500 exceed 440 cfs. SVID will not divert the full proposed 30 cfs unless 470 cfs is present at the USGS Gage. SVID will use daily time step to adjust diversion volume based on USGS gage to protect existing rights. Diversion will occur only when the USGS gage for Scott River below Fort Jones (#11519500) indicates that flows are exceeding 440cfs, which is 14 cfs in excess of the winter instream flow right of the US Forest Service under the Scott River Decree (see paragraph 45). Average stream flow from Jan 1 to March 31 for the last 25 years is about 930 cfs. A 30 cfs diversion represents 3% of the average flow rate of the Scott River, and is requested for use is outside of the growing season for which most of the surface water appropriations.

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b.	Is your project located on a stream system declared to be fully appropriated by the State Water
	Resources Control Board (State Water Board) during your proposed season of diversion?
	☐ YES ☐ NO Not during the season of the proposed diversion.

C.	In an average year, does the stre	am dry up at any point downstream of your project? ☑ YES ☐ NO	C
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d. What alternate sources of water are available if a portion of your requested diversion season must be excluded because water is not available for appropriation? (e.g., percolating groundwater, purchased water, etc.) If needed, attach additional pages, check box below and label attachment Percolating groundwater

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<sup>\*</sup>Please indicate if section is projected with a "(P)" following the section number.

☑ See Attachment No. 1 – Map Scott River and SVID Service Area

Please provide the Assessor's Parcel Number(s) for the place of use:

8.	B. PROJECT SCHEDULE Project is: □ proposed, □ partially complete or ☑ complete (Year completed - 1917).								
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- a. Does the applicant own all the land where the water will be diverted, transported and used? ☐ YES Ø NO
  - If NO, I ☑ do not have a recorded easement or written authorization allowing me access.
- b. List the names and mailing addresses of all affected landowners and state what steps are being taken to obtain access:

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:	□ See Attachment No.
13.	EXISTING WATER RIGHTS AND RELATED FILINGS
i	a. Do you claim an existing right for the use of all or part of the water sought by this application? ☑ YES ☐ NO
	If YES, please specify: ☐ Riparian  D Pre-1914  ☐ Registration  ☐ Permit  ☑ License ☐ Percolating groundwater  ☑ Adjudicated  ☐ Other (specify)
1	b. For each existing right claimed, state the source, year of first use, purpose, season and location of the point of diversion (to within quarter-quarter section). Include number of registration, permit, license, or statement of water diversion and use, if applicable.
	License 441, Described as diversion #223-13 within the Scott River Decree (30662). Current use for livestock water could occur concurrently with this application to spread high flows. Board Order of 1/30/91,
	with original water right; Scott River Decree – Schedule 1 (p.56), Schedule 2 (p. 68), Schedule D2 (p.139), Schedule E (p. 145), Plate 1 - Sheets 4, 7, 10, 13.
	☑ See <u>Attachment No. 3 Water Right Order re SVID (1/30/91)</u>
(	<ul> <li>List any related applications, registrations, permits, or licenses located in the proposed place of use of that utilize the same point(s) of diversion.</li> </ul>
	Diversion # 223-13 (formerly Friden/ currently Plank) shares the same POD but not the place of use.  □ See Attachment No.

#### 14. OTHER SOURCES OF WATER

Are you presently	using, or de	o you inten	d to use,	, purchased	water or	· water sup	oplied by c	ontract in
connection with the	nis project?	☐ Yes ☑	No If	yes, please	explain:	-		·

#### 15. MAP REQUIREMENTS

The Division cannot process your application without accurate information showing the source of water and location of water use. You must include a map with this application form that clearly indicates the quarter/quarter, section, township, range, and meridian of (1) the proposed points of diversion and (2) the place of use. A copy of a U.S.G.S. quadrangle/topographic map of your project area is preferred, and can be obtained from sporting goods stores or through the Internet at http://topomaps.usgs.gov. A certified engineering map is required when (1) appropriating more than three cubic feet per second by direct diversion, (2) constructing a dam which will be under the jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams, (3) creating a reservoir with a surface area in excess of ten acres or (4) appropriating more than 1,000 acre-feet per annum by underground storage. See the instruction booklet for more information.

☑ See Attachment No. 1 – Map Scott River and SVID Service Area

# ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Note: Before a water right permit may be issued for your project, the State Water Board must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared for your project, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. If the State Water Board is determined to be responsible for preparing the CEQA document, the applicant will be required to pay all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit with this application any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project.

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		☐ I expect that a California public agency other than the State Water Board will be preparing the
		environmental document.* Public agency:  See Attachment No. Notice of Exemption, to be filed by SVID with County Clerk, \$50 fee. Copy will
		be provided when filed.
		* Note: When completed, submit a copy of the <u>final</u> environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights and proof of payment of the State Clearinghouse filing fee. Processing of your application cannot be completed until these documents are submitted.
		** Note: CEQA requires that the State Water Board, as Lead Agency, prepare the environmental document. The information contained in the environmental document must be developed by the applicant and at the applicant's expense under the direction of the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights.
19.	W	ASTE/WASTEWATER
	a.	Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation? ☐ YES ☑ NO
		If YES, or you are unsure of your answer, explain below and contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See instruction booklet for address and telephone no.):
	b.	See Attachment No.  Will a waste discharge permit be required for your project?   Person contacted:  Date of contact:  What method of treatment and disposal will be used?
	D	See Attachment No.
20.	Al	RCHEOLOGY
	b.	Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project? ☐ YES ☑ NO Will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? ☐ YES ☑ NO Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area? ☐ YES ☑ NO If YES, explain:  This is a not construction application
		D See Attachment No
21.	E	Attach two complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:  Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.  Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.  At the place(s) where the water is to be used.  See Attachment No. 4 Vegetation Pictures

#### SUBMITTAL FEES

Calculate your application filing fee using the "Water Right Fee Schedule Summary" that was enclosed in the application packet. The "Water Right Fee Schedule Summary" can also be viewed at the Division of Water Rights' website (www.waterrights.ca.gov).

A check for the application filing fee, payable to the "Division of Water Rights" and an \$850 check for the Streamflow Protection Standards review fee [Pub. Resources Code § 10005(a)], payable to the "California Department of Fish and Game," must accompany this application. All applicable fees are required at the time of filing. If the application fees are not received, your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you. Please check the fee schedule for any fee changes prior to submitting the application.

### **DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I declare under penalty of perjury that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize my agent, if I have designated one above, to act on my behalf regarding this water right application.

Signature of Applicant

Title or Relationship

JAN. 5, 2017

Signature of Co-Applicant (if any)

Title or Relationship

Date

Applications that are not completely filled out and/or do not have the appropriate fees will not be accepted. In the event that the Division has to return the application because it is incomplete, a portion of the application submittal fee will be charged for the initial review.

#### "APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER" CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, be sure to:

- D Answer each question completely.
- D Number, label and include all necessary attachments.
- Include a legible map that meets the requirements discussed in the instruction booklet.
- Include the Water Availability Analysis or sufficient information to demonstrate that there is reasonable likelihood that unappropriated water is available for the proposed appropriation.
- D Include two complete sets of color photographs of the project site.
- D Enclose a check for the required fee, payable to the Division of Water Rights.
- D Enclose an \$850 check for the Streamflow Protection Standards review fee, payable to the Department of Fish and Game.
- D Sign and date the application.

Send the original and one copy of the entire application to:

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000